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1. IN FOLLOWING UP SWEDISH APPEAL REFTELS, WE WERE TOLD JULY 4 BY HIGH-LEVEL CHAMOUNIST THAT THEIR PARTY IS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WELFARE SWEDES IN TELL ZAATAR CAMP, WHO TOTAL FIVE RPT FIVE PERSONS ACCORDING PARTY'S INFORMATION. CHAMOUNISTS HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR SEPARATE APPEAL FROM ICRC. AS YET, NONE OF WOUNDED OR OTHERS TAKEN FROM CAMP HAVE BEEN SWEDES.

2. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY FURTHER FOLLOW-UP FROM PHALANGISTS. NOR HAVE WE BEEN ABLE CONTACT ICRC, BUT WE ASSUME FROM ABOVE THAT ICRC IS AWARE OF MATTER AND FOLLOWING CLOSELY.

3. IT MAY BE RELEVANT THAT CHRISTIAN ATTACKERS OF CAMP, BOTH CHAMOUNIST AND PHALANGE, APPEAR TO BE HOLDING FIRE IN HOPE THAT LAST REMAINING BASTION WILL SURRENDER WITHOUT ASSAULT. THIS IS NOT NECESSARILY BENEFICIAL TO TRAPPED SWEDES, BUT IT REDUCES LIKELIHOOD OF THEIR FURTHER DEATH OR INJURY FROM

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